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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN REACTION TO KHARTOUM MURDERS

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1. NEWSOM SPEAKING PERSONALLY CALLED AMBASSADOR EL GOULLI TO COMMENT THAT FRIENDS OF TUNISIA SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT OTHER THAN CONVERSATIONS NOTED IN REFTEL THERE HAD BEEN NO PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES ON KHARTOUM EVENTS. NEWSOM SAID HE PARTICULARLY FAILED UNDERSTAND FACT LOCAL PRESS DID NOT PRINT PRESS RELEASE REGARDING OPENING OF CONDOLENCE BOOK AT EMBASSY. HE STRESSED TO EL GOULLI THAT WASHINGTON TAKING VERY SERIOUSLY REACTION OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO THESE EVENTS.

2. EL GOULLI WHO HAD CALLED PERSONALLY AT DEPARTMENT TO EXPRESS HIS REGRETS SAID HE FELT THAT MESTIRI HAD FULLY CONVEYED DEEP REGRET OF TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT. HE PROFESSED SURPRISE AT FAILURE TUNISIAN PRESS REPORT OPENING OF CONDOLENCE BOOK AND SAID HE WOULD INQUIRE OF TUNIS. ROGERS

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